

NOAA Education Council Meeting

Date/Time: April 26, 2006 (1:00–4:00 pm)

Location: SSMC3, Room 15537 (Admiral's Suite)

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AGENDA

1:00 Welcome/Opening Remarks

1:10 NOAA Environmental Literacy Objectives (K. Benson)

2:10 NOAA Education Mini Grants (J. Lilley)

2:40 Data Collection for the American Competitiveness Initiative (K. Benson)

3:00 200th Anniversary Celebration

3:20 Updates/Announcements

- **From Council**

3:50 Upcoming Council Meetings: Dates & Proposed Agenda Items

- May 17, 2006
- June 21, 2006
- July 19, 2006

4:00 Adjourn

Education Council Meeting Notes 4/26/06

In attendance: Louisa Koch (LK), Kim Benson (KB), Susan Baker (SB), Linda Belton (LB), Tom Cox (TC), Katie Dombrowski (KD), Ron Gird (RG), Doria Grimes (DG), Robert Hansen (RH), Atziri Ibanez (AI), Liza Johnson (LJ), Jon Lilley (JL), Michiko Martin (MM), Christos Michalopoulos (CM), John McLaughlin (JM), Jeanine Montgomery (JMo), Carla Wallace (CW)

On the phone: Carmella Davis-Watkins (CDW), Carrie McDougall (CMc), Alyssa Gundersen (AG), Luke Nachbar (LN)

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks (LK):

Budget issues

- NESDIS funds in budget
- Ocean Hall
- Funding for NOAA education is low compared to Congressional expectations
- **LB to provide document to the Council**

Brenda Rupli (NMFS) – Project WET interested in what NOAA has to offer. LK proposed to Brenda that her program could attend Council meetings.

May 4, 2006 – Science on a Sphere official opening at the Maryland Science Center

2. NOAA Education Mini Grants (JL)

JL to make suggested edits to text of slides

JL to post abstract/summaries online

JL to provide full list of grants submitted to Council

Comment by CW made about the use of external review members? Agreed to consider during next year's Mini Grant process.

3. NOAA Environmental Literacy Objectives (KB)

KB to edit slides based on Council suggestions

Note from CW that training for CasaNOSA is May 16, 2006 (newcomers) and May 17-19, 2006 (experienced users)

Council members to show education objectives to program managers

MM to provide outline that could be used for basis for 100% requirement for E-Lit

Agenda item for May – decide on role/future of E-Lit working group

4. Data Collection for the American Competitiveness Initiative (KB)

Academic Competitiveness Council – set by White House at the request of Congress. Includes all major Federal science agencies. Goal to produce best practices for science education.

Required to submit response to a data call by 4/2/06 – given short notice we will need to prioritize our response. Will focus on dollars that are specifically appropriated for education efforts. Will have a caveat saying that the total NOAA education budget is \$95 M and note that x amount of that goes through programs.

Comment from MM – worried about how the information will be used? Concerned that if we don't include Sanctuaries & NERRS will there be repercussions. KB's response was that this is just the first data call and we expect Dept. of Education to come back to us again in the near future.

Comment from MM – need to say that education is essential to NOAA and that we can't do NOAA's mission without it.

KB to work on opening paragraph and send out to Council

Comment from LK – does the Council want to be more proactive with information or let Dept. of Ed come to us? Decided that if people feel strongly about this they should let KB know, otherwise the default position will be to give DOE just the visible stuff for now.

5. 200th Anniversary Celebration

Agreed to table until May meeting due to new leadership